

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF PILOTS IN INDIAN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of pilots with the Indian Airlines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the progress of expansion plan of Indian Airlines has been affected as a result thereof;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): The number of pilots available with Indian Airlines, at present, is barely adequate to meet the normal requirements of the existing schedule.

(c), (d) and (e): Indian Airlines has taken the following steps to meet the requirement of its expansion plan:-

- 19 Trainee Pilots have already been recruited and are undergoing training.
- The process is on to recruit another 55 Senior Trainee Pilots/Trainee Pilots.
- Process has been started to take retired Pilots on contract.